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SUBJECT: FIFTH MEETING OF UJNR MARINE RESOURCES AND ENGINEERING
COORDINATING COMMITTEE, TOKYO, AUGUST 4, 1975

1. PRODUCTIVE FIFTH JOINT MRECC MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 4. ASIDE FROM GENERAL REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES BY JAPANESE PANEL CHAIRMEN, IN DEPTH DISCUSSIONS HELD ON BLUE RIBBON PANEL DISCUSSIONS, OCEAN ENERGY COOPERATION, AND DIVERSITY OF MARINE MATTERS UNDER VARIOUS PANEL ARRANGEMENTS.

2. JAPANESE SIDE MRECC UNAWARE OF PRIL AND JUNE BLUE RIBBON PANEL MEETINGS OR COMMENTS ON MRECC PANEL ACTIVITIES. MATTER NOW TO BE CONSIDERED INTERNALLY, ESPECIALLY FUTURE OF DIVING PHYSIOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATION AND PREDICTION PANELS LEADING TO POSSIBLE JOINT STATEMENT TO BLUE RIBBON PANEL AS INFO FOR ITS REPORT.

3. OCEAN ENERGY UNDER MRECC WAS MAJOR ITEM OF DISCUSSION. JAPANESE SIDE PROPOSES WAVE ENERGY, TIDAL ENERGY AND OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY BE UNDER ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS PANEL (MECP). JAPANESE CHAIRMAN MECP STORNGLY PUSHING FOR RESPONSIBILITY. U.S. SIDE NOTED ENERGY AGREEMENT AND PENDING VISITING U.S. SOLAR ENERGY TEAM. RECOMMENDED MRECC REFER JAPANESE POSITION TO SEVENTH ADMIN MEETING. JAPANESE POSITION BASED ON ALLEGED DEFERRAL BY U.S. AT SIXTH ADMIN MEETING TO JAPAN FOR HANDLING OF OCEAN
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ENERGY MATTERS WITHIN AGREEMENTS. U.S. MRECC DEFERS TO STATE

DEPT AND ERDA BUT PREPARED IF DESIRED TO HAVE ERDA CHAIRED
PANEL UNDER MRECC. MAY BE SOLUTION TO DIFFICULT INTERNAL
JAPANESE PROBLEM. SUGGEST MEETING OF INTERESTED PARTIES UPON
RETURN OF MARTINEAU.

4. U.S. SIDE PROPOSED ADMIN STAFF MEETING BE ADVISED MRECC
PREPARED TO SERVE AS BODY TO MAINTAIN COGNIZANCE OF ALL MARINE
RELATED MATTERS IN VIEW OF THE GROWING DIVERSITY OF SUCH PROJECTS.

5. MRECC SET NEXT MEETING IN U.S. SPRING OF 1977.
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